

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

City Hall, Point Molate Conference Room
450 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
RICHMOND, CA 94804

Present: Jenny Balisle, Gretchen Borg, Linda Kalin, Fletcher Oakes, Jessica Parker, and Kate Sibley.

Absent: Dayna Holz

Staff: Michele Seville, Katy Curl

I. Meeting Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Balisle; Balisle to chair meeting.

II. Receive Presentation About Family Justice Center Artist Finalists (Holz, Parker & Seville)

- Seville requested that PAAC members in attendance review the packet attachments assembled for the meeting tonight. Included in the packets are site images, selection criteria and scoring system, and the individual revised artist proposals from the three finalists.
- First to review was Jered Nelson. Questions came up about how the water would flow around the sculpture and then drain out. The sculpture would be made of ceramic, and Nelson is an expert in this field and owner of Jered's Pottery. The original maquette was presented for viewing by the PAAC. This was Nelson's first attempt at public art.
- John Toki was the second artist reviewed. PAAC members had the opportunity to assess his proposal materials and his mockup of the proposed sculpture. Borg brought up the second downspout and how it does not appear to be integrated; a solution will have to be integrated into his design. It was noted that Toki is the most experienced artist at public art projects.
- Noted also was that all three artist finalists went to the Family Justice Center to interview Family Justice Center advocates and service recipients.

- Artist Katy Boynton's was the last proposal discussed. A number of questions were raised about ADA issues, and making aspects of the sculpture proposal child friendly.
- Seville reported the Selection Panel's scores for the artists, and stated that John Toki was the highest scoring applicant, and therefore the recommended artist from the Selection Panel.

III. Q & A Regarding FJC Public Art (All):

- The PAAC recommends against the use of copper for reasons of theft.
- The issue of throwing garbage into the open crevice featured in John Toki's proposal was raised and should be resolved.
- The issue of heavy deluge rain instead of light drought rain was also raised and should be resolved as well.

IV. Action: Vote on the Selection Panel's Pick for Family Justice Center Artist (All):

- Upon motion of Sibley, seconded by Oakes, the PAAC recommends to the Richmond Arts & Culture Commission (RACC) that they accept John Toki's proposal to create and install the public art sculpture and drain at the Family Justice Center.
- Unanimous vote, and the motion is passed.

V. Adjourn:

- Balisle adjourned meeting at 6:48pm.

Next meeting is re-scheduled for February 15, 2017

(Regularly scheduled meeting would have been on February 14, which is Valentine's Day.)